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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week, which is next week or October 3rd to the 9th, ought to have a new meaning for the public at this particular time, soon to be the second anniversary of war. We are learning more and more that fire prevention means saving the increasing number of things no longer replaceable. Losing your dwelling or business or personal property by fire can not be measured in dollars and cents because there are so many things that money will not buy any more; they are just not available. A situation of this sort places a definite responsibility on every one to be more careful with fire.

We still believe there exists an urgent need for a rural fire protective association in South Lane county both for the protection of our personal property and our forests. Proposals to form such an association with the approval of the county were turned down. Additional equipment which would have been placed here as well as other centrally located points over the county would have aided in the protection of the urban as well as the rural property. It would have been a sound investment for every taxpayer.

Once the way is made open for securing the equipment needed for the association, we hope the idea will not be forgotten.

FREE PRESS-FREE PEOPLE

October 1 to 8 we have an occasion to commemorate another week, National Newspaper Week. On this occasion, too, we are reminded of the privileges of a free press and what it means to the public. You may not think a free press means much to you and is a far-fetched phrase meant for the other fellow. But if any agency, government or individual, has the right to tell newspapers what they may publish and what they may not publish, the same restraint may be placed on what you tell your neighbor or friend. A free press and free speech are inseparable.

It's a public service the newspaper owes to its readers to present uncolored news. It's also a public service of the newspapers to permit the readers to express their views in its columns. The need for a strong and vigorous editorial policy remains unchanged today and presents a challenge to any paper to keep alive community interests and to suppress existing evils.

National Newspaper Week also presents an opportunity for this newspaper to attempt to tell its readers what it attempts to accomplish for the section which it serves. We are not interested solely in what financial gain we are able to make from operating a newspaper, but like to feel that we are making some contribution toward the progress of the section we serve, even though it be the part of chronicling the weekly events. This service, insignificant as it may seem, serves a purpose because it helps keep alive the worthwhile things of the community, which makes for better morale, especially in war time. We honestly and sincerely feel that we have the welfare of the section we serve more at heart than any outside publication because we understand the local problems and can at least give a sympathetic hearing, if we can not offer a solution to the problem.

Therefore we base our right to ask your support on the service we can render. And this service, good, indifferent or bad, has been available for fifty-four years, well over a half century. We hope to be here tomorrow and must therefore attempt to create the good will necessary for our future existence.

FOREST FIRE HAZARD GREAT

(Medford Mail)

When fire fighters were forced to battle a series of blazes deliberately set in the forests near Glendale last week, the imminent danger of this form of sabotage was forcefully brought to public attention.

The last few days have increased the fire hazard in the woods and recent showers have not materially lessened the threat. Temperatures are up, humidity is down and Oregon people must be alert to the need for utmost caution right now. Records show that some of the state's most destructive forest fires have occurred after the fall rains and even after snow has fallen. Untold damage might be caused at this time by the firebug, the saboteur or the loyal American who is careless. An irresponsible act by a patriotic citizen can be as costly to the war effort as the treachery of the worst brand of saboteur.

Complacency, which seems to have spread generally as a result of successful action against the foe in the Pacific during recent weeks, may have a direct bearing upon this serious forest fire problem. It must be remembered that national safety continues to depend upon anticipating and forestalling the moves of such a resourceful and revengeful enemy as the Japanese. It has been emphasized time and time again that a serious forest fire would—

—Divert vitally needed manpower from the vital jobs of war production to the non-productive task of fighting fire.

—Destroy valuable timber, an essential war material used in building ships, planes, and contents and the source of cellulose for high explosives, rosin for making shrapnel, plywood and plastics for a hundred war and peace-time needs.

—Endanger watersheds, the source of water for cities and irrigation, and destroy wildlife.

—Hamper the operation of coastal air and sea patrols and the work of the aircraft warning service by reducing visibility—a serious matter in maintaining adequate wartime defense.

The Tillamook fire of a decade ago blacked out 25 coastal cities, reduced visibility in Portland to one-fifth of a mile, and forced all airlines to cancel flights. We simply cannot risk the possibility of such a ready-made smoke screen for a possible invader.

Records show that the number of man-caused fires has dropped materially in the last few days, an indication that citizens here are accepting their responsibilities as far as fire prevention is concerned. Federal and state forest services, the Keep Oregon Green association and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen should all take a bow for this improved condition.

Success too often breeds carelessness. We simply cannot drop our guard at this time with our full energies turned to wartime activities. So let us not forget for one moment that THIS is the danger time in the forests and that our own defense and economic future demand the utmost vigilance and caution.

Rubber Stamps, Pads, Ink. The Sentinel.

Washington Letter

(By Harris Ellsworth)

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 25—The congress has not moved very rapidly during its first two weeks following the summer recess. Some of the new members are grumbling in the halls and corridors about the slowness with which we are getting under way, but the congress of the United States is not a fast moving organization. Committees have been busy holding hearings and discussing legislation, and I believe we will soon see very busy legislative days.

Tuesday, the House passed an appropriation bill to take care of emergency maternity and infant care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces. The higher grades of non-commissioned officers, Grades 1, 2 and 3, and commissioned officers, were eliminated from the benefits of this appropriation. Previously, a small appropriation had been made for the months of April, May and June. The appropriation just passed by the House is for the fiscal year. Distribution of the benefits to those who are entitled to them is handled by the states. The money will be handled in Oregon by the Oregon State Board of Health, and I understand that Board has completed its arrangements for taking care of these cases out of the federal funds beginning October 1st.

The hardest problem, not only before Congress, but for the whole country, now, is the manpower shortage. I heard Bernard Baruch make his report to the senate military affairs committee. It was an excellent summary. He suggested that a production priorities committee be created for the entire west coast, composed of representatives of the government agencies affected, with the war production board representative as chairman. In making this suggestion, he points out that such a committee would be helpful in the future when greater emphasis is placed on fighting in the Pacific, and new demands will be made on the west coast. Donald Nelson recently issued a directive in which he declared no new plants of any kind would be authorized on the west coast. They all seem to be taking a swing at our part of the world, and I for one am beginning to wonder if it is a fair designation. Manpower is short all over the nation, and from my own observations when I was there this summer, I do not believe the difficulties on the west coast are any greater than in many other parts of the country. Meanwhile, however, this clamor about the shortage of manpower on the west coast effectively stalls our chances of having a plant for the production of alumina from clay installed in Oregon or Washington. Representatives from the two states are meeting on this subject, and are cooperating with the local interests.

It is anticipated that the bill to prohibit the drafting of fathers, introduced last spring by Senator Wheeler of Montana, will be up for debate in the Senate Tuesday. The bill comes before the Senate during this coming week, and indications are that it will not be passed by the senate. The army and the navy and selective service officials have vigorously opposed any action by congress that would prevent the drafting of fathers. Obviously, if the senate will not pass such a bill, there is no use taking the matter up in the house.

The milk problem, which has been critical in Oregon for some time, has finally become a national headache, and is No. 1 problem now before the administrative agencies. The simple facts of the milk problem, not only in Oregon but nationwide, are that the hold-the-line policy has been dumped almost entirely in the lap of the producer of milk; nothing or very little has been done to hold the line on his costs, which have mounted steadily, with the result that 25 percent of the distributors of milk in Oregon have gone out of business in the last 12 months and numerous dairy herds have been sold or slaughtered. In holding the line, the dairyman has been required to take money out of his pocket and give it to somebody else.

In discussing the ceiling on apples before Fred Vinson this last week, I noticed the same type of thinking going on with reference to that. Apparently, the war food administration and the office of price administration are expecting the apple grower to take money out of his pocket to give to somebody else. This seems to be known as the "squeeze" policy—a term borrowed from the Canadians. It is becoming apparent that the "squeeze" in so far as milk is concerned has gone just about as far as it can go, and now something must be done and done quickly. I cannot, at this time, however, predict what that something will be.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9

Today All Fires Are Sabotage . . . Be Careful

CHURCHES

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

West Main Street
Sabbath school, 9:30 o'clock.
Preaching service 11:00 o'clock
Every Saturday. Visitors welcome

FREE METHODIST

South 6th and Harrison
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 11:00 a. m. Evening service 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday 7:45 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Hilton T. Park, Pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Young people's service at 6:30 p. m. Evening evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m. Tuesday night, prayer service, 7:45 p. m. Thursday night, preaching service, 7:45 p. m.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Betty Williams, pastor.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11:00 a. m. Young people's service 6:45 p. m. Charles G. Eastburn, leader. Evangelistic service 7:45 p. m. Bible study and prayer service Wednesdays 7:45 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. J. L. Maxwell, Pastor.
Mass each Sunday at 10:30.

CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Young people's meeting, 7 p. m. Devotional service, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 8 p. m.

It is the privilege of every one to know that his name is written on the Book of Life. Reader do you know that your name is written there? We invite you to meet with us to consider these problems of eternal importance.

Roy E. Hutchison, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mrs. L. W. Colner, superintendent. At 11:00 a. m. regular church services. Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 5:00 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:00 p. m.

HEBRON CHURCH OF CHRIST

On the shores of Hebron dam, 7 miles south of Cottage Grove. Bible school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Young people meet this week at the home of Alice White for weiner roast at 6:00 p. m. followed by Endeavor at 6:30. Every young person invited. Ladd Howard, advisor for young people. Wendell Small, pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and communion
Bible school, 9:45. Worship and communion, 11:00. Sub. "The Lord's Supper." C. E. 6:45. Evening service 7:45. Sub. "Exponents of Bible Christianity." Prayer meeting Thurs. 8:00.

It is the desire of the church board that every member of the church be present this Lord's day morning service.

Roy Hands, S.S. Supt.

L. P. Nebelung, minister.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday school at 9:45; forenoon service, 11, subject, "Unreality." Evening service second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p. m. The Bible, Christian Science literature and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy may be borrowed or purchased before or after the Wednesday service.

METHODIST

Sunday, 9:45 church school, S. L. Mackin, Supt. 11:00 morning worship, World Wide Communion Sunday. Sermon, "Tarry Ye." 5:30 Intermediate League. 6:30 Youth Fellowship. 7:30 evening service. Tuesday 7:30 church board meeting. Wednesday 7:30 choir practice. Thursday 7:30 prayer meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45 a. m. church school, Mrs. H. H. Weeldreyer, Supt. 11:00 a. m. morning worship, communion, "Remembrance" 6:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship, Mrs. W. C. Martin, sponsor. 7:30 p. m. Happy Evening Service "A Young Man Said No!" Wednesday, 8:00, choir rehearsal, Mrs. Helen Judy Hardy, director. Thursday, 8:00 p. m., midweek service, Bible study in Heb. 2.

Members of the church are asked to note the change of time in the evening service and in B. Y. F. The pastor is starting a new series in the Happy Evening Service of five messages from the book of Daniel.

Find Titanium Deposits

A large deposit of the mineral from which titanium oxide, important in paint manufacture, is made, has been found in the Adirondack mountains, Tahawus region, and is the foundation of a new industry for that section of New York state.

Fire Prevention Week Finds State Farms Organized

Designation of the week of October 3 as National Fire Prevention week comes at the wrong season of the year for greatest preventive measures in Oregon, but it does serve as an opportunity to check up on past accomplishments and plan for winter safety measures, says Arthur S. King, in charge of the emergency rural fire control project for the OSC Extension service.

Oregon farmers have joined with other citizens in thorough organization to prevent fires the last two years and with marked success, points out King. Records kept by the state fire marshal's office show a distinct drop in rural insured fire losses in 1942 over 1941. The most significant reduction, says King, occurred in fires damaging farm equipment, livestock, and produce such as hay and grain. This is a strong indication that the farm fire program was effective last year, while early reports indicate even a greater reduction in losses this season, he adds.

A total of 1011 farm fire fighting companies were organized in the state this year. These companies enrolled 10,900 men to provide some degree of protection for approximately 90 per cent of the farms in the state. King estimates that about one-third of the companies could be considered efficient fire fighting organizations. Another third were organized to the point of being of material help in controlling fires, and the remainder gave some leadership in fire prevention.

The farm fire crews this year have been given especially effective cooperation by town and city fire departments and regularly organized rural fire districts, King reports. This is in addition to the continued support of the forest service, grazing service, state forestry department and fire protective associations.

In proclaiming Fire Prevention week, President Roosevelt declared that since Pearl Harbor the destruction caused by fire in the United States has been comparable to the damage caused by all enemy bombing over England during the first two years of the war.

MACARTHUR'S MEN

With a handful of me he defied the might
Of a savage enemy host
With each man faithful to his task
Till death should call at his post.

Through hellish days and sleepless nights
With always a scanty fare
They broke the back of countless attack
Their courage is known everywhere.

Oh, MacArthur's Men: MacArthur's men
Long may their glory reign
With one for all and all for one
Their valor has not been in vain.

The road may be hard to victory
Till the world is free once again
Throughout the years our praise shall be
For MacArthur and his men

It's time for us to realize
We're in this war to win it
We can't do it half-heartedly
We've got to jump right in it.

So work and save and do your best
Till peace shall come once again
Produce those planes and tanks and guns
For MacArthur and his men.

—W. R. Brown,
Los Angeles.
This song was written by W. R. Brown, chief clerk of the American Express company, Los Angeles, California, who recently visited here with his brother, C. E. Brown, and sister, Mrs. Albert Adkins.

Flies Small Menace
Careful studies have shown that flies cause only a small percentage of the decline in milk flow usually observed in midsummer. The hot sun that discourages the cow from going out to graze and the shortage of grass and lowered palatability are factors that may account for most of the decline.

Derive Calories From Food

We get our calories from the protein, fat, and carbohydrate in the food we eat.

RADIO REPAIRS

By Dexter Somers

318 Main

Obey These Rules

Help Save Both Dollars and Lives

1. Be doubly sure your match, cigarette or cigar is out before you throw it away. At home use deep ash trays.
2. Don't let rags which have been used for oil or paint accumulate. Throw them away, or burn them up if possible.
3. Don't use cheap electrical wiring. Make sure that it's approved and safe. Have a reliable electrician do all of your electrical work.
4. Avoid using explosive fluids for cleaning or other purposes. If you must, be sure it is not near an open flame or burning cigarette. Avoid rubbing.
5. Don't use coins to replace burnt-out fuses and always fix defective electrical fixtures right away.
6. Be sure there are no gas leaks in your home. Have the system checked regularly.
7. Do not overheat your furnace and check the chimney for leaks and sparks.
8. Teach your family the danger of fires and what to do in case of one.
9. Do away with old, defective appliances and machinery that could cause fires.
10. In case of fire, CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.

FIRE PREVENTION IS BEST

It saves you more than money.

The week of October 3 to 9 is NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, as proclaimed by the President. You can cooperate by promptly eliminating all fire risks in and about your home.

When loss comes our insurance is a big help; but how much better for you, to prevent the fire.

Be a good citizen by checking your property and making such corrections as are obviously needed. It will pay you directly and it will help to make rates lower for all and help our war effort.

Our Indemnity Is A-1—Our Rates Moderate

Phone 36 ARNEST 511 Main

Keep Fire Away

—From Your Community

—From Your Home

It's doubly important now that we do all we can to prevent fires because so much of the materials now can not be replaced. Furthermore all our efforts are needed to win the war. Save what you have. Be careful.

This space is contributed in the interest of "Fire Prevention Every Week" by the

First National Bank

OF COTTAGE GROVE

Insurance

Insurance is the world's oldest enterprise, even the cave man carried life insurance; his insurance was a stone club.

Civilization has advanced and insurance along with it until today you can insure anything of value. The cost is small. Did you ever stop to consider that it would take 200 or 300 years to pay the principal of your policy at the average annual premium rate, but if you have a loss you collect that principal anytime.

Play safe, protect what you have with an insurance policy.

Claude Arne